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The purpose of this research was to study the factors affecting the role performance of subdistrict organization council members in waste and waste water management in Nakhon Pathom province. Survey research method was used in this study. Questionnaires were distributed to 235 council members and the factors affecting role performance were analysed using analysis of covariance (ANCOVA) and multiple classification analysis (MCA). Qualitative data were also collected by indepth interviews with 1 district officer, 8 assistant district officers as well as 12 deputy chief executive of the subdistrict administration organization and a focus group session with 12 members of women s organization, non of whom were subdistrict organization council members. These data were used to explain the result of the questionnaires survey.

A performance scale (high, medium, low) was constructed by the researcher to measure level of role performance. The results shows that role performance was generally low and was affected by whether members had training experience, whether they had received relevant information and whether they had a positive attitude towards the role (P<0.05)

Level of education, household income and age affected knowledge of waste and waste water management significantly (P<0.05). Level of education, status of council members (appointed or elected) and knowledge of waste and waste water management affected attitude towards waste and waste water management significantly (P<0.05).

It is recommended that the Department of Government in Ministry of the Interior should disseminate waste and waste water information through the mass media such as televisions newspapers and it should also organize training course in

waste and waste water theory and application through lectures and workshops for council members. Knowledge would improve attitude and, inturn, improve role performance in subdistrict organization council for develop environmental existing in subdistrict. Council members should also have a greater role in the formulation of role and regulation for waste and waste water management in their communities. Finally, communities members should be encouraged to participate in finding solutions to communities problems concerning waste and waste water management.